



Education Workgroup Report

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SUBJECT: Status Report on Education Workgroup Activities

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The Education Work Group is working on the 2016 Sustainable Growth Challenge (SGC), which will focus on topics related to Reinvest Maryland.

In June, the Work Group released a flyer and a frequently asked questions document for use in recruiting participants. The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) sent an announcement about the 2016 SGC to 100+ professors and higher education representatives, and Work Group members are contacting professors directly. The information is available on MDP and DNR websites.

The Work Group always offers to provide guidance in identifying project possibilities. A professor in the Towson University Department of Geography and Environmental Planning is interested in having a student team enter this year's competition and would welcome this guidance. Staff will ask members of the MSGC for suggestions at the upcoming MSGC meeting and follow up with the professor.

The calendar of events is:

1. Summer 2015 – Outreach to professors (through normal channels, as well as more targeted, personal outreach)
2. September 2015 – Deadline for commitments to participate in the challenge
3. October – November 2015 – Work Group members visit classes to discuss Reinvest Maryland and provide early feedback on proposed projects
4. December 2015 – Deadline for submissions
5. December 2015 – Review of submissions and invitations to present
6. January 2016 – Presentations to panel
7. February 2016 – Awards ceremony